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It is certified that errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title Page, at Abstract

Delete "A micro-electro-mechanical (MEMS) switch (10, 110) has an electrode (22, 122) covered by a dielectric layer (23, 123), and has a flexible conductive membrane (31, 131) which moves between positions spaced from and engaging the dielectric layer. At least one of the membrane and dielectric layer has a textured surface (138) that engages the other thereof in the actuated position. The textured surface reduces the area of physical contact through which electric charge from the membrane can tunnel into and become trapped within the dielectric layer. This reduces the amount of trapped charge that could act to latch the membrane in its actuated position, which in turn effects a significant increase in the operational lifetime of the switch" and insert

-- A micro-electro-mechanical switch (10, 110, 210) is known as a MEMS, and includes a base section (13, 14, 17-18) having two spaced conductive posts (17, 18). A conductive part (22) is provided between the posts, and is covered by a dielectric layer (23). A membrane (31, 131, 231) extends between the posts and has spaced expansion sections (41-42, 141-142, 241-242) which facilitate lengthwise expansion of the membrane as it flexes between positions in which a central portion thereof is respectively spaced from and engaging the dielectric layer. A method of making the switch includes providing a spacer material (76, 176, 177, 178) with a top surface having grooves or ridges that correspond to the expansion sections, depositing the membrane over the top surface of the spacer, and then removing the spacer material.--.

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Column 1

Line 1, insert -- **TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

**This invention relates in general to switches and, more particularly, to micro-electro-mechanical switches having flexible capacitive membranes.--**

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